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JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Sir, as a matter of fact representations have been made to the Government of Madras communicating resolutions passed at certain meetings pointing out the actual grievances of the people. I would like to know whether this Government have taken steps on those representations, and whether they have represented to the Government of India regarding the inability of the people to repay the advances and the hardships to which they have been subjected on account of the insistence of the Government of India on the repayment of these loans."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that assistance was stopped from the year 1948 (and we are now in 1952), and that Government have not been able to collect anything towards the advances made already, will the Government of Madras now address the Government of India pointing out that every effort had been made by this Government for the recovery of advances, that they have not been able to recover anything and that therefore, the advances may be written off? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I shall examine the suggestion of the hon. Member."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether disabled evacuees, evacuees who have become too old to earn, evacuee women and children who cannot earn their living, and all other hard cases also have been deprived of the allowances which they were receiving in 1948? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" While appreciating the anxiety of the hon. Member to help those people, I can only give an assurance to him that the Government will examine the question, and take it up with the Government of India."

Investigation of Krishna-Pennar Project.

* 74 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state what progress has been made in the investigation of the Krishna-Pennar Project and the particulars so far available regarding the project with special reference to its layout, the area commanded by it and the districts benefited by it?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The investigation has been completed. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the particulars given by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) in his brochure on the project, copies of which have already been laid on the table of the House for information. The project report has just been received by the Government and is being examined."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know, Sir, roughly what amount of time will it take for the project to fructify? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I cannot say."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the brochure that was given to hon. Members of this House contains all the particulars that are contained in the report that the Chief Engineer submitted to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It is quite probable that there are some items which are not in the brochure. The report is still being examined by the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, will the House be in order in drawing the conclusion that this scheme is undergoing so many alterations and that what was contained in that brochure is not the Krishna-Pennar Project about which this Government are representing to the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The brochure represents the scheme which has been submitted by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to this Government. When the hon. Member asked for details, I said, ' It is quite probable '. But I am not quite sure. There may be some items which are not in the brochure but which are contained in the report. I could not say offhand that it contained all the information."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if the Khosla Committee has finished its investigation and submitted its report to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This is a committee appointed by the Government of India, and it is going to report to the Government of India and not to the Government of Madras."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Government made any representations to the Khosla Committee and whether those representations were on lines indicated in the brochure supplied to us? " 2–45 p.m.

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It was not a question of the Madras Government making any representations to the Committee. The Committee wanted to have their own examination of the whole scheme and they had ample opportunity to contact all those people whom they thought it necessary to contact and they also visited the various parts of the State. So, there is no question of the Madras Government making any representations on this matter."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I know whether the Khosla Committee did not try to secure any information regarding the Krishna-Pennar Project from the originators of the scheme itself, i.e., from the Government, and whether they went about without consulting the Madras Government and canvassing for information from other people? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" There was actually no canvassing for information. A certain scheme had been submitted by the Government of Madras to the Planning Commission. Certain other representations were made about the

feasibility of some other schemes. Then the Planning Commission thought it advisable to appoint a Technical Committee which would go into the various matters and issues raised by the Madras Government and other people. That Technical Committee visited this State and went about the places concerned, perhaps to secure all the information that was considered necessary by the Planning Commission. So far as the Madras Government are concerned, our officers assisted the Commission and its Committee and gave them all the necessary information and details that were asked for."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Madras Government are still committed to the scheme which they originally proposed? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Are the Government satisfied that all the necessary information has been supplied to the Khosla Committee with a view to its submitting a favourable report to the Planning Commission regarding the Krishna-Pennar Project? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I cannot say precisely whether the report that will be submitted by the Committee to the Planning Commission on the information supplied to them will be favourable or unfavourable. But it is the duty of this Government to have the matter examined by competent technical people and submit the report and we have done it."

Number of cars purchased for the use of Hon. Ministers.

* 75 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cars purchased for the use of the Hon. Ministers since 1946 and the amounts spent on them;

(*b*) whether all or any of them have been replaced;

(*c*) what is the period during which each car has served since its purchase;

(*d*) whether some of the cars have had to undergo frequent repairs necessitating their disposal;

(*e*) what is the amount realized by the disposal of each old car; and

(*f*) what has been the amount spent on each car since its purchase and whether repairing charges are borne by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Thirty-eight cars were purchased since 1946 at a total cost of Rs. 3,70,214–9–1.